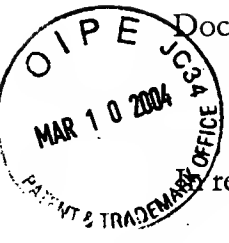


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For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AN OPERATION OF MOTOR AND
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASON FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated January 30, 2004 included the Examiner's reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance state that "[t]he prior art made of record fails to teach calculating an operational frequency of a motor based on phase voltage and current and outputting a section detect signal by detecting an operational section of a motor in accordance with a calculated operation frequency." However, Applicant's note that the Examiner has misquoted the claim language of independent claim 11.

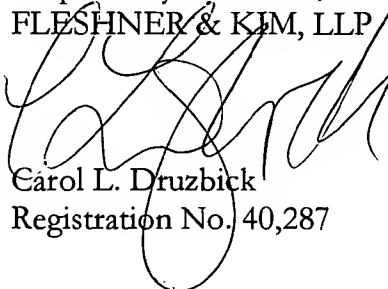
That is, claim 11 is an apparatus claim. Further, claim 11 recites, *inter alia*, a resolution section detect unit configured to calculate an operational frequency of the motor based on phase

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voltage and current values applied to the motor and configured to output a section detect signal by detecting an operational section of the motor in accordance with the calculated operational frequency. Applicants object to the characterization that independent claim 11 is directed to calculating and outputting steps more typical of a method claim.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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